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Filed: November 27, 2001	:	
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This is a decision on the petition, filed November 20, 2007, which is being treated as a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)¹ to correct the assignee's name and address to the issued patent. The petition also requests to change the inventor's last name.

The request is **DISMISSED**.

37 CFR 3.81(a) permits the patent to issue to the assignee, provided that, at the time the issue fee is paid, the name of an assignee is provided. 37 CFR 3.81(b) permits the patent to issue in the name of an assignee if the assignment was submitted after payment of the issue fee but *prior to issuance of a patent*. Patent and Trademark Office assignment records disclose that a corrective assignment, changing the assignee's name from "Carl Miele & Cie. GMBH & Co." to "Miele & Cie, KG" was recorded on September 12, 2007, after the date of issuance of this patent.

Accordingly, since the corrective assignment was not submitted for recordation until after issuance of this patent, issuance of a certificate of correction would not be proper. *See* MPEP Section 307.

In regard to the request to change the inventor's last name, MPEP 605.04(c) states:

In cases where an inventor's name has been changed after the application has been filed and the inventor desires to change his or her name on the application, he or she must submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to submit an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.76) showing the new name. The petition should be directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions. The petition must include an appropriate petition fee (\$400.00) and a statement signed by the inventor setting forth *both names* and the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a copy of the court order.

¹ See Official Gazette of June 22, 2004

Since petitioner has already submitted a request for certificate of correction along with the appropriate fee, a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is all that is needed to change the inventor's last name.


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